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Overview

From September 2009 through October of 2009, we saw a significant reduction of overall accidents of 15.3%. Many factors can relate to the reduction of crashes but we would like to thank the drivers of Northern Nevada for their safe driving practices this past month. Northern Command officers handled 294 crashes in October. An overview of the crashes showed 205 were property damage, 86 were injury, and three were fatal. When compared to October of last year, fatal crashes dropped by one accident. As compared to last October, our regional commercial vehicle crashes decreased 9.1% to 20 crashes. In our overall October 2009 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 15 of our total crashes in the Northern Command, which is a 16.7% decrease from last October.

The officers in our command arrested 146 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .14%, well above the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 34 years old. Our officers arrested and additional 166 people on various charges over the month of October. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,603 speeding citations, 652 hazardous moving citations and 314 seat belt citations.

This month our Division partook in the Spanish Springs High School Band fundraiser in Sparks, NV. It was a great opportunity for our officers to educate teenagers and their parents in driving safety. We wish the young musicians all the best in their efforts toward raising money for their upcoming band trip.

Trooper Chuck Allen assisted our local NBC affiliate, KRNv, for an upcoming comprehensive story focused on reckless and aggressive driving on and around our local highways.

In an effort to impact, the concern of drunk drivers we also participated in a grant funded campaign to get as many drunk drivers off our streets as possible. This campaign sponsored through "Joining Forces," was participative law enforcement with the Reno and Sparks police departments.

We would like to thank all of the local agencies within the Northern Command that have helped all of our staff to make a safer driving experience on our Nevada roadways.

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NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW

0	Oct 09	Oct 08	% Change	Sept 09	% Change
Total Crashes	294	326	-9.8%	347	-15.3%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	205	217	-5.5%	217	-5.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	86	105	-18.1%	122	-29.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	4	-25.0%	8	-62.5%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	15	18	-16.7%	25	-40.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	5	-40.0%	9	-66.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	0	200.0%	1	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	2	-200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	2	-50.0%	2	-50.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0	2	-200.0%	3	-300.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	20	22	-9.1%	28	-28.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	16	10	60.0%	22	-27.3%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3	11	-72.7%	6	-50.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%

Crash Analysis

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.0%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.1%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 66.7%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.8%

NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	Oct 09		Oct 08	% Change		Sept 09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	15		18	-16.7%		25	-40.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	131		123	6.5%		94	39.4%
Other Arrests	447		533	-16.1%		437	2.3%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	312		234	33.3%		201	55.2%
Speed violations	2603		2895	-10.1%		2855	-8.8%
Hazardous moving violations	652		896	-27.2%		700	-6.9%
Occupant restraint violations ##	314		345	-9.0%		310	1.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	6594		7481	-11.9%		6649	-0.8%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	70		44	59.1%		98	-28.6%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	32		44	-27.3%		54	-40.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	735		797	-7.8%		657	11.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	406		411	-1.2%		396	2.5%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2594		2292	13.2%		2250	15.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	101		104	-2.9%		85	18.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	90		95	-5.3%		82	9.8%
Total school buses inspected	64		56	14.3%		63	1.6%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	16		86	-81.4%		8	100.0%
Total trucks weighed	1365		25	5360.0%		590	131.4%
Total overweight citations	22		343	-93.6%		15	46.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	288		350	-17.7%		279	3.2%
Total dyed fuel citations	2		2	0.0%		4	-50.0%

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Oct 2009		Oct 2008	% Change		Sept 2009	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	223921		463450	-51.7%		249963	-10.4%
CAD Incidents	18315		18055	1.4%		17750	3.2%
Telephone Calls	16133		21741	-25.8%		19254	-16.2%
CAD Logs	156510		166046	-5.7%		162685	-3.8%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	326		361	-9.70%		317	2.54%
Arrest Reports Processed	213		252	-15.48%		240	-11.25%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	26		4	84.62%		32	-18.75%
Office Accident Reports Taken	18		16	12.50 %		12	50.0%
Citations Processed	3506		4331	-19.05%		4079	-14.05%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%
Visitors at Counter	144		193	-25.39%		107	34.58%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$2,393.00		\$682.50	250.62 %		\$878.50	172.40 %
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	550		628	-12.4%		593	-7.3%
Warrants Entered	655		277	136.5%		282	132.3%
Warrants Cleared	110		525	-79.0%		546	-79.9%
Warrants Validated	1423		41	3370.7%		1324	7.5%
Extradition / Transports	28		27	3.7%		35	-20.0%

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- Average BAC 0.14%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 34 years old

CONTRACT SERVICES

- contracts using hours, billed in the amount of \$2,132.34

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The month of October had several public safety events that DPS participated in throughout the region of Northern Command. Those venues included demonstrations with the Seat Belt Convincer trailer at Reno Dodge, Home Depot Damonte Ranch, Dresslerville Community Center, and the Pleasant Valley Fire Department. Our agency also participated at a fundraiser

for the Spanish Springs High School marching band in Sparks that included the Seat Belt Convincer, K-9 demonstrations, and DUI awareness with the fatal vision or DUI drunk goggles. Local high school driver's education instructors requested our presence at several classes and provide 2-hour presentations that included seat belt safety and awareness, common causing accident contributing factors, traffic laws, impaired driving and a question and answer session. In other proactive media-related events, our local NBC affiliate, KRNV, did two ride-alongs for an upcoming comprehensive story concerning reckless and aggressive driving on and around the highways in the Reno-Sparks area. While filming one of those segments, we responded to a serious injury rollover accident in Reno that subsequently turned fatal 13 hours later where speed was considered as a contributing factor. As we approached the end of the month troopers and our traffic safety crash dummies *Vince and Larry* participated in the annual trick-or-treating event at the Governor's Mansion as well as in the annual parade in Carson City on Nevada Day. Lastly, our agency also received grant funding from the Office of Traffic Safety to offset the salaries for additional troopers working our state's birthday weekend in an effort to curtail drunk driving. This was a "Joining Forces" funded program with NHP along with the Reno and Sparks Police Departments.

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
381	13	25	0	6

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
38	219	13	19	4	39

FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft made 19 flights during the month of October for 55.5 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
8	31	56	Speed Enforcement
5	12	22	Prisoner Transport
5	7.9	14	Personnel Transport
1	4.6	8	Pilot Training

October 1 marked the 3rd day of Badge on Board; enforcement action taken against vehicles speeding around commercial vehicles.

On the 5th, the Deputy Director was taken to Las Vegas for meetings. We returned the same day with a prisoner transport.

OPR personnel were transported to Winnemucca on the sixth and 26th for interviews.

The pilot conducted his 6 month instrument currency at the Reno airport on the 29th.

11 speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; eight were flown resulting in 296 enforcement actions. Two were cancelled due to a lack of manpower and one was cancelled when the motors were reassigned for Vice President Biden's visit to Reno on the 15th. Following is a breakdown of activity.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	259
Hazardous	5
Non-Hazardous	31
Seat belt	1

During the course of enforcement, 8 motorists were assisted. The high speed for the month occurred on the 10th on US 395 at Bellevue. A green Honda Civic was clocked at 98 mph.



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